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SUBJECT: US SUPPORT FOR CANADA/EC NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DECEMBER 23
POSTED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT (NO PRESS BRIEFING HELD).

BEGIN TEXT: THE SECRETARY WELCOMES THE RESUMPTION OF CANA-
DIAN/EURATOM URANIUM SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THIS DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTS AN IMPOR-
TANT CONTRIBUTION TO NON-PROLIFERATION. END TEXT.

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2. SPOKESMAN HAD FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR QUESTIONS THAT
MIGHT ARISE:

QUESTION: IN YOUR POSTED ANNOUNCEMENT, YOU WELCOME A
CANADIAN-EURATOM AGREEMENT ON URANIUM SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.
WHY?

ANSWER: SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, CANADA HAS EM-BARGOED SHIPMENTS OF URANIUM TO EURATOM PENDING COMPLETION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE PLEASED THAT SUPPLY WILL BE

RESUMED BECAUSE ASSURED SUPPLIES OF URANIUM WILL EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE PRESENT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR REACTORS. THIS WILL HELP GIVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THE TIME TO ENABLE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS--SUCH AS THE INFCE--TO ANALYZE THE AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR RECONCILING NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NON-PROLIFERATION.

QUESTION: WHAT EXACTLY DOES THIS AGREEMENT SAY?

ANSWER: I WOULD HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE CANADIANS OR THE EC FOR THAT INFORMATION. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: STATEMENT WAS MADE IN RESPONSE REQUEST FROM EXTAFF SECSTATE JAMIESON FOR U.S. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT. END CONFIDENTIAL. VANCE

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